# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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**ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-39-98** 

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: REVISED FS 9 - FOOD STAMPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REFERENCE: All County Letter (ACL) 97-21

ACL 98-50

This notice transmits the revised FS 9 (7/98), Food Stamps Important Information. This form is revised to include narrative to meet the regulations governing the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rules. The Food Stamp work requirements are now set forth separately. A minor rearrangement of the information in the citizenship section will provide more clarity. The specific changes are listed in Attachment I.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

County Welfare Departments (CWDs) will no longer be required to use the TEMP 2133 - "Important Information for Food Stamp Recipients, Work Requirement," since the required information now appears on the FS 9, which is to be provided at application and recertification.

#### FORM DESIGNATION

CWDs are advised that the forms designation for the FS 9 is "Required - Substitutes Permitted." CWDs must obtain prior approval from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) before implementing a modification of, or substitution to, this form. The forms modification policy is outlined in Food Stamp Handbook Regulations Section 63-1250.

## **CAMERA-READY COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS**

Counties should call the Forms Management Bureau at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET 437-1907, for camera-ready copies of the form in any language. However, counties that have provided Language Services Bureau with a county contact and the specific languages needed in their counties (choices of Spanish, Chinese, Cambodian, Vietnamese and Russian) will automatically be sent those languages as soon as the forms have been translated and are ready for distribution. The Spanish and other language versions are expected to be available in about four to six weeks after the English version.

#### **STOCK**

The form may be ordered from the CDSS warehouse according to the forms ordering procedures in the County Forms Catalog, upon receipt of the Notice of Change Form (GEN 127), which is issued when stock is available. Counties should begin using the revised FS 9 as soon as it is available and cease using any prior versions as soon as it is administratively feasible.

# **CONTACTS**

If you have questions or need further information regarding this All County Information Notice, you may contact the following staff regarding the specific program areas:

- Food Stamps Bureau: Donna Morgan at (916) 654-5709 or CALNET 464-5709.
- Employment Bureau: Robert Nevins at (916) 654-1408 or CALNET 464-1408.

Sincerely,

Original document signed by Charr Lee Metkser on 7/21/98

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief Employment and Eligibility Branch

Attachment

## CHANGES TO THE FS 9- FOOD STAMPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **OVERVIEW INFORMATION:**

Certain bullets under the section titled "What are Some of the Rules that I Have to Meet to get Food Stamps" are rearranged for formatting purposes.

## Front Page

- In the right column, bullet one, the section titled "Social Security Number (SSN)," the narrative is revised to include the last sentence, "Anyone who refuses to give either a SSN or proof of application for a SSN will be disqualified from getting Food Stamps."
- In the right column, bullet three, the section titled "Citizenship," the first sentence narrative is revised to include "or have a certain lawful noncitizen status." The second sentence narrative is revised to include "under the age of 18 and age 65 or over" in with the other exceptions.

## **Back Page**

This page is reformatted due to the revisions of the "Register for Work" section and the addition of the "Work Requirement for Able-Bodied Adults" Section.

- In the section on "Register for Work," the narrative is revised for clarity, deleting the information regarding Able-Bodied Adults since a new section containing this information is created and titled "Work Requirement for Able-Bodied Adults."
- The section "Work Requirement for Able-Bodied Adults" is set forth separately and provides an explanation of the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements. This will eliminate the requirement of providing recipients with the TEMP 2133 "Important Information for Food Stamp Recipients, Work Requirement."
- In the section titled "Monthly Report" the narrative is revised to reflect the change of the form number for the Monthly Eligibility Report from CA 7 to CW 7.
- The section previously titled "College or Junior College Students" is changed to "College, Business or Vocational School Students." The narrative "OR are in an employment and training program" is added. Also, the sentence "If enrolled in a business or vocational school, check with your worker" is added.